YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AUSTRALIA
INSPIRING YOUNG LEADERS, IGNITING CHANGE

BRISBANE PRIMARY

DREAM AND LEAD

CONFERENCE 2027

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BRISBANE CITY HALL

MONDAY 22ND MARCH 2027

THE EVENT

The Dream and Lead Conference is a one-day event that helps primary students in Years 5 and 6 discover they can lead now, not one day.

Across the day, students take part in hands-on activities that build confidence, problem-solving and independence. Every session is run by internationally-trained young facilitators, so students learn leadership from people not far ahead of them on the path. They leave with an understanding of the difference a young person can make, and the tools to begin making it.



ABOUT YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AUSTRALIA (YLAA)

Since 2018, we've positively impacted **65,000 young people** and supported **1,500 primary and secondary schools** across Australia.

YLAA is Australia's for-youth, by-youth school leadership provider. We're a youth-led, registered not-for-profit and DGR-registered charity. We deliver national conferences, tailor-made in-school programs, and youth work with councils and government.

Our approach is simple. We design *with* young people, not just for them. And we build change that lasts, well after the day ends.

THE PROGRAM

8:45 am **Doors Open**

9:15 am **Event Begins**

Our YLAA facilitators welcome the room and kick off with fun, interactive activities that help students make new friends fast.

Finding Your Leadership

We explore what leadership actually means: being kind, helping others and setting a great example, not just wearing a badge.

Keynote 1: Start With You

The first keynote shares a story and demonstrates to students that great leadership starts with believing in yourself and being brave.

10:50 am **Break 1**

11:30 am **Building Your Leadership Toolkit**

Students build practical leadership skills through hands-on experiences that grow their confidence, strengthen their ability to work with others, and equip them with tools they can use every day.

Service & Making a Difference

We explore the difference students can make within their school and community, and the big ideas they can take back with them.

Keynote 2: Leading With Service

An inspiring guest shares their own story of how leadership is about lifting others up, making a difference, and creating positive change through every day actions.

THE PROGRAM CONT.

12:40 pm **Break 2**

1:20 pm **Our Voice, Our Ideas**

Students from different schools share what they have learnt and what leadership means to them, showing that young people are ready to lead, and can lead right now.

Final Keynote

A final, inspiring talk brings the day together and sends students home excited to dream big and lead at school.

Event Wrap Up

We celebrate the day, and look back on everything the room has learnt. Students make a commitment to continue to step up as leaders.

2:30 pm **Event Concludes**



RESULTS & FEEDBACK

More than 96% of students left feeling **more prepared**, **more capable** and more ready to lead.

STUDENT REPORT

97.4%
OF STUDENTS FELT MORE PREPARED TO LEAD.

96.2%
OF STUDENTS FELT MORE ABLE TO CREATE CHANGE.

96.3%
OF STUDENTS FELT MORE PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE.

OVERALL EXPERIENCE
4.45/5

OVERALL CONTENT
4.36/5

YLAA WORKSHOPS & FACILIATION
4.78/5

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
4.25/5

TEACHER FEEDBACK INSIGHTS

94.0%
OF TEACHERS FELT MORE CONFIDENT IN STUDENTS' LEADERSHIP.

94.4%
SAID THEIR STUDENTS ARE MORE EQUIPPED TO CREATED CHANGE.

EXPERAINCE RATINGS - OUT OF 5

OVERALL CONTENT	**4.44**/5
OVERALL EXPERIENCE	**4.53**/5
EVENT MANAGEMENT	**4.74**/5

> My students have left *feeling inspired*. The day provided them with **practical ideas** and a renewed sense of purpose. We look forward to next year.

TEACHER, 2026 NATIONAL TOUR

FULL NATIONAL REPORT AVAILABLE HERE.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

Agency to Act

Students leave believing they can make change happen, with the drive to step up and lead in their own lives, schools and communities.

Theory of Change: Self-efficacy and agency

Leadership Skills

From leadership styles to communication, collaboration and problem-solving, students build the core socio-emotional and leadership skills they can use straight away.

Theory of Change: Enhanced leadership and socioemotional skills

Servant Leadership

Students learn to lead by example, show empathy, and lift the people around them, growing the prosocial mindset that turns leadership into real contribution to their community.

Theory of Change: Enhanced leadership and socioemotional skills

Resilience

We strengthen adaptability and the confidence to work through challenges, building the foundations for wellbeing that help students thrive long after the day.

Theory of Change: Foundations for mental health and wellbeing

Self Leadership

We help students grow self-awareness and personal responsibility, understanding their own leadership potential and that leadership has no single fixed definition.

Theory of Change: Self-awareness and personal responsibility

Connection

We create an inclusive space where students form new peer relationships and feel they belong, building the social connectedness that underpins every other outcome.

Theory of Change: Increased social connectedness



LEADERUP

LeaderUp, your included post-event program.

Every ticket to the 2027 YLAA National Tour includes access to **LeaderUp**, our 10-week post-event program, at no extra cost.

Launching **Term 2, 2027**, LeaderUp turns the energy of the day into a real project. Student teams design an initiative from concept to delivery, then submit it for the chance to win $2,000 towards their idea.

10-Week Design Challenge.
Ten weeks of hands-on experience taking a project from idea to reality.

On-Demand Training and Support.
Expertly built modules led by YLAA facilitators, guiding students the whole way. (Designed for low teacher involvement.)

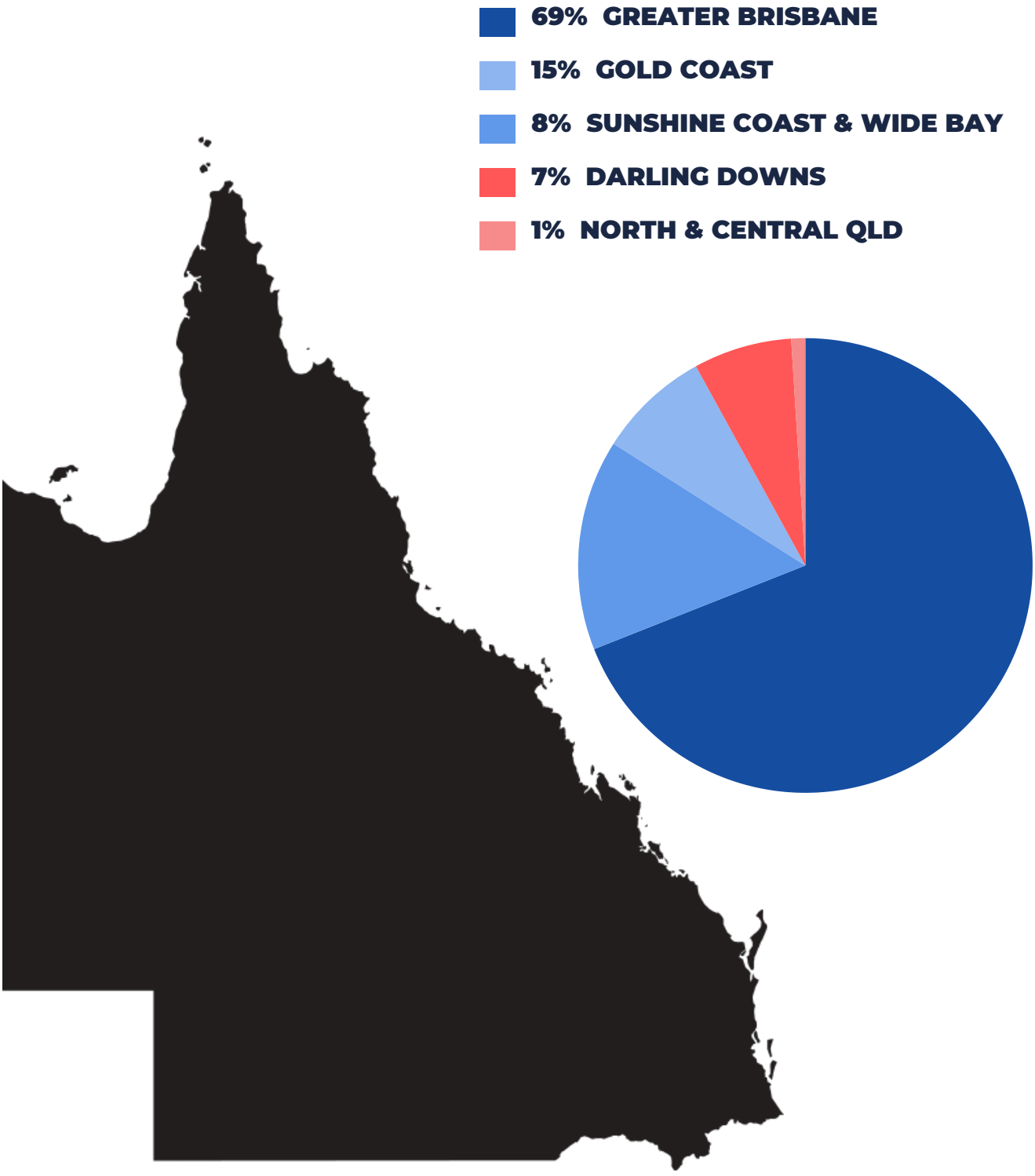
Real-World Impact.
Students tackle issues that matter to them, from wellbeing to school culture, to make a genuine difference.

Included, not extra.
LeaderUp is available only to schools who attend our National Tour, and it's built into every ticket. Students can take part with their school or on their own.



SUPPORTING QUEENSLAND STUDENT LEADERS SINCE 2018

In 2026 we welcomed **1975 students and 122 schools** from right across Queensland, here's where they come from...



REGISTER NOW

$49 **Per Student**

- General admission
- All course material
- 3-month post-event program
- LeaderUp access included

$25 **Per Teacher**

- General admission
- Post-event lesson plan
- Post-event report
- Barista coffee voucher

Book early.

For the past few years our events have sold out in Term 4. Secure your school's place and avoid disappointment.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW



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